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Subject: Paperwork reduction act

Wendy,

Do you have anyone on your staff who may be familiar with the paperwork reduction act and availability to help us do some research regarding approved survey instruments?

Background:

ECO, OPA, and SPFD have recently been having conversations regarding the use of electronic communication tools to do community engagement. One of our concerns moving forward is that we ensure that we are ensuring EJ communities are not left behind. There is quite a bit of information out there regarding the “digital divide”.

The first specific opportunity to try some new tools out at an EJ site is in regards to the Westlake Landfill in Bridgeton, MO (near St. Louis).

We have determined that there is a low income and or minority population in the area surrounding the facility which may be disproportionately affected near the site - The landfill is adjacent to a traylor park and a housing development.

As we are editing the community involvement plan to include more up-to-date communication tools we want to know more about internet accessibility and communication preferences for these citizens which are near neighbors to the site.

One of the approaches to learning more about what may work in the area is to survey community members. I am aware of the limitations placed on our doing surveys by the paperwork reduction act, but am interested in learning about some of the survey instruments which may have already been approved and whether there may be one which we may use to help us gather information to

inform our work.

Please let me know what you think about where we are headed and whether you have anyone on your team who may help out.

Thanks,

Althea